



THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner
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Representing the communities of:

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



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Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

The City's Fiscal Year 2016 Proposed Budget has been released, and I'm optimistic about the City's improving financial health. After years of sacrifices on the part of our residents and city staff, it's encouraging to see a budget that continues to provide essential services such as public safety and infrastructure, and restores recreation center and library hours.

I am especially pleased about the focus on public safety, including the addition of fire and police academies, police compensation and equipment, as well as more fire stations and FAST

response squads, including one in South University City.

As expected, there is an emphasis on infrastructure and neighborhood needs such as streetlights, sidewalks, tree maintenance, brush management, code compliance and graffiti abatement. These investments improve our communities and preserve our quality of life.

There is a focus on restored and expanded recreation center and library hours, teen programs, and Connect2Careers. All these programs benefit our local families, and foster an emerging workforce.

I'm also looking forward to growing the City's open data

efforts, improving the City's website and implementing the customer service oriented 311 Program.

In District One, I'd like to see my request for an additional Lifeguard at Windansea and another Shoreline Park Ranger come to fruition to serve our popular and busy beach areas.

I'd like to thank all the residents who have contacted the City to communicate their priorities. I encourage you to continue to do so.

Please see the City's website at www.sandiego.gov/cityclerk for upcoming Budget Hearings and information.

Drought and Water Restrictions in San Diego

We are currently in a drought condition. I believe that San Diego needs to consider multiple solutions to reduce our water usage and ensure a lasting water supply; no one solution is the answer. Water is too important to our economy and quality of life to not pursue all options to secure an affordable and reliable water supply in the face of this continuing drought.

The State and the City have put several mandatory water savings meas-

ures in place, which apply to ALL City of San Diego water customers (residents and businesses).

Most San Diegans are already abiding by these measures, but if you are not, please make sure that you follow these rules:

- Water only during 3 assigned days per week.
- No irrigation during rain.
- All leaks need to be fixed upon discovery.
- Use a hose with a nozzle or timer for irrigation.
- All decorative water fountains can be operated only

for maintenance and must recirculate water.

- Overfilling of swimming pools and spas is strictly prohibited.
- Customers cannot use a running hose to wash down sidewalks, driveways, parking areas, buildings, awnings, windows, tennis courts, patios or other hard surface areas, except to alleviate immediate safety or sanitation hazards.

For more information please see the City's webpage on [Drought Alert Restrictions](#), or call (619) 533-7485.

Charter Committee Updates and Upcoming Agenda Items



The City of San Diego celebrated Charter Day on Tuesday April 7th.

For the April 16 meeting, the Charter Review Committee considered 22 proposals, including the zoological tax, which dates back to 1934 and will raise \$11.7 million for the Zoo in Fiscal Year 2016.

Many people do not know that the Zoo began as a collection of caged exotic animals that were abandoned after the 1915 Panama Exposition in Balboa Park. The City wound up owning it, and zoo supporters convinced voters to add the zoological

tax in Charter section 77A. Read the [IBA's Report 15-10](#) on the issue.

On May 14, the Committee will consider Charter Article V – Executive and Administrative Service.

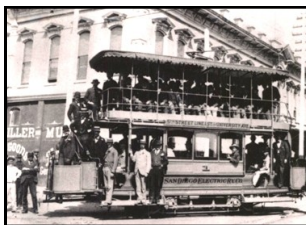
The June 11 meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to allow residents the flexibility to attend an evening meeting to share their Charter suggestions with elected officials.

The Committee on July 2 at 2:00 p.m. will consider Arti-

cles VIII and IX dealing with Civil Service and Retirement; and August 6, Articles III, IV, section 40 in Article V and Article XV addressing our balance of governance.

You can watch the full [Charter Review Committee meetings](#) on City TV 24. You can also read the [Charter Committee documents](#) and see the [meeting schedule](#) on the City Clerk's Website. Send comments to charterreview@sandiego.gov or call (619) 236-6611.

The City's Historical Archives are Now Digital



Photos of a Downtown San Diego Streetcar, San Diego's first mode of public transit, circa 1890.

As part of the Archives Access and Preservation Project, the City promised to provide on-line access to many of the City's important historical documents. So, I am pleased to announce our new [Digital Archives](#).

In the new Digital Archives, you will find historical collections (including material related to Water, Sewer, Transit, Planning & Balboa

Park), community resources, including a "Kid's Corner" and information about donation and volunteer opportunities.

There is also a variety of historical photos, all grouped by subject, including the 1915-16 Expo, La Jolla, beaches and notable San Diegans.

This is an amazing resource for the citizens of San Diego who can now access archived documents, many of which are

fragile, and prior to this, had limited access for preservation purposes.

If you or your group would like a more in-depth tour of either the online material or our Archives Center in the City Administration Building, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (619) 533-4000 or via email at city-clerk@sandiego.gov.

Turf Replacement and Other Rebates Now Available



Converting grass to water wise plants while maintaining the landscape benefits the environment.

Beginning April 15, 2015, City of San Diego water customers can receive a [Grass Replacement Rebate](#) of up to \$1.50 per square foot for residential or commercial sites that replace existing grass with water wise landscaping and converting their sprinkler system to micro-irrigation.

Preliminary site inspection and pre-approval is required. San Diego residents and businesses can also use the [SoCal](#)

[WaterSmart Turf Removal Program](#), which offers up to \$2.00 per square foot of grass removed. *Please note: It is permissible to apply for both rebates for the same project.*

The County Water Authority also has a [WaterSmart Turf Replacement Program](#), but currently, program funding has been exhausted.

Other City of San Diego programs include [Rebates](#)

[for the installation of Rain Barrels and Micro-irrigation](#), along with a program to receive up to two cubic yards of mulch for free from the Miramar Greenery.

ALL Programs require an application and proof of installation. Please see each website for details.

Remember: Do not start a landscape renovation project without pre-approval if you wish to receive a rebate.

Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: 1. Sherri attended EXPO DAY, and proclaimed the 3rd week of March to be San Diego Festival of Science and Engineering Week. 2. Sherri joined community leader Manjeet Ranu and others to welcome Trader Joe's to Pacific Highlands Ranch in District One. 3. Sherri swore in the new officers of the La Jolla Community Planning Association. 4. Sherri attended the ribbon cutting of the new Solana Highlands Ranch Park, and was honored to dedicate the playground in honor of Scott Tillman, an amazing community activist. 5. Sherri was the first guest to speak in the La Jolla Woman's Club speaker series, "Women of Distinction." She shared stories about her early days as a lone female engineer. 6. Sherri attended the FIRST Robotics Competition and cheered for all the teams. FIRST ROBOTICS is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping students discover and develop a passion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) through fun and challenging robotics competitions.

Local Business: Catania Coastal Italian

Sherri likes to regularly highlight a new or unique business in Council District One.

This month's selection:

What: Catania Coastal Italian

Where: 7863 Girard Ave., La Jolla, CA 92037. La Plaza La Jolla.

What you'll find: Led by restaurateur Arturo Kassel and chef Ryan Johnston, Catania offers simple, seasonal and authentic Italian

Coastal Cuisine. Use of wood burning ovens and grills, an all Italian wine list as well as an exclusively craft Italian beer program create an authentic Italian experience. Offers daily Happy Hours. The newest member of the Whisknadle Hospitality family.

For information: Contact them at (858) 551-5105 or [online](#).

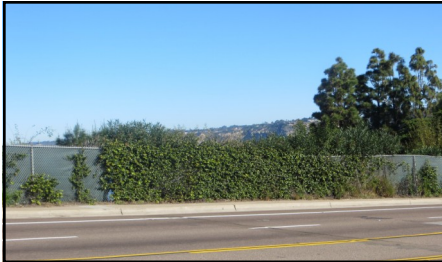


The rooftop location offers spectacular views which complement the unique and eclectic menu perfectly.

Working Hard for You and Your District One Neighbors

Road With A View

The La Jolla Parks and Beaches Committee requested that the City trim vegetation and remove fencing along Torrey Pines Road near Coast Walk that was blocking ocean and coastal views. Residents and visitors can now enjoy unparalleled views of La Jolla Shores, Scripps Pier and beyond.



BEFORE (close up, left): Shrubs and fencing blocked the view completely.

AFTER (above): Most of the trees and shrubs have been trimmed, and the fence has been replaced.

Sherri is on the Web at

sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/

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Important City Department Contact Numbers

Need help with an issue in your neighborhood? Here are some important City numbers you can call, or please don't hesitate to contact Sherri's office for assistance.

Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical)	911
Non-Emergency Police (Minor crime report)	619-531-2000
Graffiti Removal	619-525-8522
Pothole Repair	619-527-7500
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Illegal Dumping	858-694-7000
Missed Trash Pick Up	858-694-7000
Neighborhood Code Compliance	619-236-5500
Building Permit Information	619-446-5000
Lifeguard Information	619-221-8899
Traffic Division	619-495-7800
Dead Animal Pick-Up/Animal Control	619-767-2675
Abandoned Vehicle	619-531-2000